



Embassy of the Republic of Mauritius

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Dear Ms. Carter,

Findings of the Worst Forms of Child Labour

I have the honour to inform you of the following continuous efforts being made by the Government of Mauritius to eliminate the worst forms of Child Labour.

The Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999, adopted on 17th June 1999, by the General Conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO), was ratified by Mauritius on 26th May, 2000.

Mauritius is strongly committed in its efforts to eliminate all forms of trafficking. To achieve this performance, policing strategies based on the three P's concept were designed and implemented and a series of action were initiated as follows:

- Development and implementation of an IEC (Information, Education, Communication) campaign;
- Use of media (TV and Radio program) to reach larger segment of the population;
- Proactive identification of potential victims and vulnerable groups;
- Special Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CESC) workshop/working sessions for potential victims and vulnerable groups;
- Widespread sensitization by Brigade des Mineures and Police Family and Protection Unit in schools and community centers on dangers and consequences of engaging in prostitution;
- Increased patrols and police vigilance near vulnerable areas and places of complaint;
- Networking and working sessions with other stakeholders and service providers (Child Development Unit -CDU, National Children Council -NCC and NGOs working with children and the community);
- Enforcement of law: the Child Protection Act 2005 and the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act 2/2009.

Since the year 2005 up to May 2009, in the widespread sensitization and awareness campaign, 56,751 persons have been sensitized in Mauritius. The targeted groups comprised of children, students, teachers/school staffs, parents, social and youth leaders,

the civil society and business operators. Twenty (20) programs were broadcast on radio and television. Moreover, some 35,000 persons visited a public exhibition held in June 2008 on CESC and Child Abuse. All these contributed to the good performance achieved by the country in its efforts to combat CSEC.

The outcomes of the child prostitution cases reported in 2008 are stated in the annex.

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEX**OUTCOME OF CHILD PROSTITUTION CASES
FOR YEAR 2008**

S.No.	Date Reported	Nature of Offence	No. of Cases reported	OB No. /Station	Remarks
1.	11.01.08	Causing a Minor to be engaged in Prostitution	1	OB 32/08 Barkly Police	To DPP on 09.06.09
2.	14.06.08	Inciting a Child to be engaged in Prostitution	1	OB 2284/08 Grand Bay Police	To DPP on 06.10.09
3.	09.06.08	Causing a Child to be Sexually Abused (against receipt of money)	1	OB 384/08 - Albion Police	Under enquiry
4.	05.07.08	Sexual Intercourse with Minor under 16 yrs (provisional plaint lodged for Causing a Child to be engaged in Prostitution)	1	OB 1062/08 - Floreal Police	To Police Prosecutions Unit on 07.11.09
5.	26.08.08	Causing a child to be Sexually Abused (against receipt of money)	1	OB 1326/08 - Brises Verdiane Police	Still under enquiry